

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, KU, US, IS  
SUBJ: KUWAITI DEMARCHE ON ISRAELI TREATMENT OF ARAB PRISONERS

1. CHIEF OF MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, MUSTAFA A. ABDUL-SAMAD, CALLED ME IN JANUARY 30 TO REQUEST THAT THE USG "JOIN TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO PRESSURE FOR IMPROVEMENT" OF THE TREATMENT OF ARAB PRISONERS IN ISRAELI JAILS. HE SAID THAT MFA OFFICIALS WERE MEETING WITH "FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS YOURS AND MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL" ON THIS MATTER.

2. ABDUL-SAMAD ASSERTED THAT ISRAELI TREATMENT OF PRISONERS, WHILE TRADITIONALLY "INHUMANE", HAD RECENTLY DETERIORATED,  
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RESULTING IN HUNGER STRIKES WHICH RESULTED IN "A NUMBER OF DEATHS" AMONG PRISONERS. ABDUL-SAMAD SAID IT WAS THE GOK'S SPECIFIC GOAL TO HAVE ISRAEL APPLY THE GENEVA CONVENTION PRISONER OF WAR STANDARDS TO ARAB PRISONERS (BECAUSE "THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE"), WHICH ISRAEL HAS REFUSED TO DO. ABDUL-SAMAD SAID THIS QUESTION IS ONE OF "EXTREME URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE" FOR THE GOK.

3. I REPLIED THAT I WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH MATTER, BUT WOULD  
REPORT GOK DEMARCHE TO MY GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: THIS KUWAITI DEMARCHE APPARENTLY STEMS FROM A  
CABLE SENT TO THE KUWAITI FONMIN BY A WEST BANK ARAB ORGAN-  
IZATION. ON JANUARY 24, THE FONMIN TOLD THE PRESS HE HAD  
RECEIVED SUCH A MESSAGE AND THAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS WOULD  
BE ASKING TO TALK TO AMBASSADORS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES. LATER  
PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE UK, FRG, FRENCH, SOVIET AND  
SEVERAL OTHER AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN CALLED IN FOR SIMILAR  
DISCUSSIONS.  
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